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Title: Need to construct a new railway station at Aachipatty near Pollachi in Tamil Nadu after completion of gauge conversion work.

SHRI K. SUGUMAR (POLLACHI): Pollachi Parliamentary constituency is situated in Coimbatore District of Tamil Nadu. Most of the population in Pollachi are industrialists, labourers, students and office goers. Their mode of travel is train. Rupees one thousand crore gauge conversion work is already undergoing in Pollachi and I appeal to the Government to speed up the work and complete the same at an early date.

The present railway station in Pollachi is situated in one corner of Pollachi Town and people are facing huge difficulties to reach the railway station. Moreover, the approach road to Pollachi railway station is very narrow. The people are demanding one more railway station at the northern side of Pollachi nearby Achipatty village. The railway station may be made as a permanent station of Pollachi. The Pollachi Municipality has also passed a resolution in this regard and the same has been sent to the Ministry of Railways for further action.

I also appeal to the hon. Minister of Railways through this House to provide railway stations at Kovilpalayam, Tamaraikulam and Chettipalayam towards Coimbatore and at Thippampatti and Poolankinar towards Palani after the gauge conversion works are completed since these railway stations had been in existence when this railway line was a metre gauge line. Thank you.